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## WATER QUALITY MAY BE AFFECTED BY FLOODING

NELSON - During flood season, runoff from creeks and rivers can affect drinking water quality.

If, through taste, colour or odour, you suspect that your drinking water has been contaminated, purify it before drinking by boiling, or adding purification tablets, or chlorinating it with a bleaching compound. If bleach is used, add one or two drops per litre and allow to stand for 30 minutes before drinking.

If your well has been flooded, assume the water in your home has been contaminated. If you are on a public water system, listen to your local media for news from the public health department to find out if your water is contaminated.

If water is contaminated, bottled water is the best choice. You can disinfect water yourself by boiling it for at least two minutes or by adding one drop of bleach to one litre of water, shaking it, and letting it stand for one minute. For cloudy water use two drops. You can also purify water with chlorine tablets.

Further information on flood preparedness and precautions is available at [www.pep.bc.ca](http://www.pep.bc.ca).

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